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E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJ: HARAR EYE CLINIC

REF: A) STATE 289753 (261615Z NOV 76
B) ADDIS ABABA 11300 (NOTAL)

1. WISH ALERT DEPT. THAT THROUGH SEPARATE CHANNELS, NAVY BEING INFORMED TODAY OF INCIDENT IN ADDIS EVENING NOV. 26 INVOLVING SENIOR NAVY RESIDENT AT HARAR. RESIDENT, WHO HAS BEEN MARKING TIME IN ADDIS AND IS SAME OFFICER WHO WAS INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS REPORTED REFTEL(B), WAS INTERCEPTED IN HIS CAR BY AT LEAST TWO MEN IN ANOTHER CAR, NOT FAR FROM HIS RESIDENCE AND FORCED TO DRIVE APPROX. 5 KILOMETERS OUT OF CITY. ONE OF MEN WAS ARMED. THERE AFTER DISMOUNTING, HE WAS ABLE JUMP BACK INTO CAR AND LOCK IT. MEN THREATENED HIM, BUT WERE INTERRUPTED BY APPROACHING PASSERSBY AND LEFT. BEFORE LEAVING, HOWEVER, ONE THREW LARGE ROCK THROUGH CAR WINDOW WHICH HIT OR GRAZED OFFICER AND RESULTED IN SOME DAMAGE TO ONE EYE.

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2. WE ARE MED. EVACING OFFICER TO BETHESDA NOV. 28 AND ARE

REPORTING INCIDENT TO MOFA, MILITARY AUTHRITIES AND POLICE HEADQUARTERS HERE. RESIDENT TELLS US THAT ONE OF MEN WAS ONE OF \$HOSE WHO THREATENED HIM IN HARAR, AND THAT HE RECOGNIZED CAR AS BEING ONE HE HAD SEEN IN HARAR.

3. WE MUST OBVIOUSLY TRY AND EVALUATE THIS LATEST INCIDENT IN TERMS OF FUTURE OF CLINIC AND WILL TRY AND DO SO OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. UNTIL WE DO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPT. IEF AND NAVY WOULD DEFER MAKING ANY FURTHER DECISION. DEPT. SHOULD REASSURE BOTH DOD AND IEF AGAIN THAT WE REGARD SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR PERSONNEL AS PARAMOUNT. INTER ALIA WE MUST TRY AND DETERMINE AS BEST WE CAN EXTENT TO WHICH SERIES OF HARASSMENTS AGAINST RESIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY AIMED AT HIM PERSONALLY (TWO OTHER INTERNS ALSO HERE HAVE BEEN UNDISTURBED), OR WHETHER AFFAIR HAS WIDER CONNOTATION. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND LOGISTICS IN HARAR AS REQUESTED REFTEL (A).
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